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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A miter saw comprising:

a base assembly;

a table rotatably attached to the base assembly;

a saw assembly pivotably attached to the table; and

a wear ring non-fixedly disposed between and contacting the base assembly and the table,

the wear ring having a substantially L-shaped cross-section, said wear ring not having any movable portions disposed between the table and base assembly.

Claim 2 (original): The miter saw of Claim 1, wherein the wear ring is made of steel.

Claim 3 (original): The miter saw of Claim 1, wherein the wear ring is made of metal.

Claim 4 (original): The miter saw of Claim 1, wherein the base assembly has a substantially circular well.

Claim 5 (original): The miter saw of Claim 4, wherein the wear ring is disposed on the well.

Claim 6 (original): The miter saw of Claim 4, further comprising a wall extending from the well, defining a channel.

Claim 7 (original): The miter saw of Claim 6, wherein the wear ring is disposed in the channel.

Claim 8 (canceled).

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Claim 9 (original): A miter saw comprising:

- a base assembly;
- a table rotatably attached to the base assembly;
- a saw assembly pivotably attached to the table;
- a fixed fence attached to the base assembly; and
- a sliding fence slidably attached to the fixed fence, the sliding fence having at least one hole for fixing an end stop fixture thereto.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The miter saw of Claim 9, wherein the hole is has a diameter of about 3/16 of an inch.

Claims 11-12 (canceled).

Claim 13 (currently amended): A chop saw comprising:

- a base assembly; and
- a saw assembly pivotably attached to the base assembly, the saw assembly comprising an upper blade guard, a plate rotatably attached to the upper blade guard, a lower blade guard rotatably attached to the plate, and a screw engaging the upper blade guard for fixing the plate; wherein at least one of the upper blade guard and plate have a first tab disposed near the screw and extending outwardly and substantially perpendicularly to the at least one of the upper blade guard and plate, the first tab extending from the at least one of the upper blade guard and plate a first distance near the screw, the screw being required to be moved a second distance longer than the first distance in order to pivot the plate so that the lower blade guard contacts the

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screw upon rotation of the lower blade guard, wherein the lower blade guard contacts the screw upon rotation of the lower blade guard after the screw has been moved the second distance, the second distance being longer than distance between the lower blade guard and the upper blade guard.

Claim 14 (original): The chop saw of Claim 13, wherein the plate has a second tab extending inwardly which contacts the upper blade guard upon pivoting of the plate.

Claim 15 (original): The chop saw of Claim 13, wherein the plate has a second tab extending inwardly and defining a channel, the upper blade guard extending into the channel.

Claim 16 (original): The chop saw of Claim 13, wherein the plate has a second tab extending inwardly towards a blade.